

CALVINIST WRATH

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On September 25, I received Dave Hunt's book "What Love Is This?" in an article entitled "Dave Hunt's Powerful Refutation of Calvinism." I received many angry and ugly responses to that article, but the response Hunt's ministry has received has been vicious and persistent. The following is a testimony about this from the December issue of Dave Hunt's *The Berean Call* publication. The testimony is written by T.A. McMahon, who works with Hunt.

"As you may have suspected from the letters we've printed from Calvinists regarding Dave's latest book, *What Love Is This?*, we are in a storm of controversy. In all of our years of addressing critical issues impacting the body of Christ (from The Seduction of Christianity to dealing with the cults to decrying evangelical compromise with the Church of Rome to explaining true Islam), nothing has come close to the number and severity of mean-spirited responses we've received regarding our perspective on Calvinism. In many of the letters, Dave has been characterized as a liar, a deceiver, a destroyer of the faith, and worse. We've been told that he is woefully ignorant and therefore incapable of understanding and presenting true Calvinism. Again, the level of hostility transcends any responses to any controversial subject we've ever addressed in the past. That's hard to fathom from those who profess to have the gospel and the Spirit of Christ.

Another grave concern is a concerted effort to suppress the distribution of *What Love Is This?* Over the years, we've experienced resistance by Christian bookstores to offer some of Dave's titles. However, Loyal Publishing has reported that entire chains have not only refused to carry *What Love Is This?*, but some chains have consequently refused to carry any of Loyal's books, even those which they previously offered. The folks at Loyal are a small yet godly (and gutsy) group. Therefore, it grieves us deeply that they are suffering financial setbacks for their commitment to our Lord through what Dave has written.

TBC has also been hit by a decline in donations, which we are trying to offset by cutbacks in some of our outreach programs, particularly radio.

Certainly not all Calvinists would condone the treatment we've been receiving and a few have written us to that effect. Yet we are astonished at the animosity prevalent in the majority of their responses. Moreover, since Calvinists account for a small percentage of evangelicals, it's troubling to see how much power and influence they have in the evangelical community, especially when opposing something which is critical of their

theology. Why can't such important issues be brought before the church and every believer be encouraged to search the Scriptures to see what teachings are true to God's Word?

Dave Hunt's book WHAT LOVE IS THIS? can be obtained from the following source:

The Berean Call
P.O. Box 7019
Bend, OR 97708
800-937-6638 (orders)

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